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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS AGRICULTURE FOR QUENTIN WEST
UAADMINISTRATOR, ERS

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: US-TURKEY NEGOTIATIONS FOR POSSIBLE TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN AGRICULTURE

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE OZAL DECEMBER 30 TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF U.S. GRAIN COMPANIES (76 ANKARA 9867), MINISTER TOOK OCCASION TO ASK THAT WE INFORM USDA NEGOTIATING TEAM COMING TO ANKARA LATE JANUARY ABOUT CERTAIN AREAS OF COOPERATION WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST FOR INCLUSION IN POSSIBLE TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. HE ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF PARTIAL U.S. FINANCING OF SOME OF THESE ACTIVITIES. MINISTER SAID HE WANTED U.S. TEAM TO BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO THESE IDEAS WHEN IT ARRIVED AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATION WE COULD PROVIDE OF WASHINGTON REACTION BEFORE TEAM COMES. EMBASSY HAS POUCHED TO EUR/SE DRAFT AGENDA MATERIALS FOR NEGOTIATING SESSION AND GOT DRAFT AGREEMENT. (ESSENTIALS BEING SENT BY SEPTEL.)
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2. MINISTER REMARKED THAT FRANKLY, TURKS WILL HAVE TO RAISE WITH USDA NEGOTIATING TEAM QUESTION OF FINANCING. IT IS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE FOR TURKEY TO INCLUDE IN ITS OWN BUDGET THE COSTS OF ALL ASPECTS OF A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT. BASIC TASK HE FACES IS TO BROADEN HORIZONS OF HIS PEOPLE, MINISTER SAID, HELPING TO BRING THEM BENEFITS OF TECHNOLOGY.

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WHILE HE DOES NOT LIKE TO ASK HELP IN THIS TASK, HE CANNOT
DO ALONE SOME OF THE THINGS HE HAS IN MIND. AMONG THESE,
MINISTER LISTED:

--ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT US/TURKEY AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
CENTER SOMEWHERE IN TURKEY TO SERVE AS IN-SERVICE TRAINING
CENTER FOR TURKISH GRADUATES IN AREAS OF PLANT BREEDING AND
GENETICS, PLANT PHYSIOLOGY, PESTS AND DISEASES CONTROL,
AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, HORTICULTURE,
STATISTICS, PROJECT EVALUATION, ETC.;

--ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOOL TO TRAIN FOOD TECHNICIANS IN TURKEY;

--ESTABLISHMENT OF A DOCUMENTATION CENTER FOR THE
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE IN TURKEY;

--EXCHANGE OF AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS AND TRAINEES;

--BILATERAL COOPERATION AMONG AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTES;

--EXCHANGE OF BREEDING MAERIAL;

--ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRAINING CENTER FOR FARMERS AND FOR
PERSONNEL OF AGRICULTURE MINISTRY.

3. MINISTER DID NOT BELIEVE PROGRAMS HE HAD OUTLINED
WOLD REQUIRE MUCH FINANCIAL HELP FROM U.S. GOT, FOR ITS PART,
WOULD, OF COURSE,PUT MONEY INTO THEM TOO.

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4. MINISTER SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP PROJECTS
HE HAD IN MIND BILATERALLY WITH U.S. AND TO AVOID RELIANCE
ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS FAO. HE DID NOT
WANT PROJECTS TO TURN INTO REPORT-WRITING ACTIVITIES
BUT TO HAVE PRACTICAL USES DIRECTLY BENEFITTING THE PEOPLE.

5. FURTHER, HE HAD PARTICULAR INTEREST IN COOPERATION
WITH U.S. WHEN HE HIMSELF HAD BEEN A STUDENT THERE, HE
HAD HAD OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE NOT ONLY TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE
BUT ALSO UNDERSTANDING OF COMPLEXITY OF U.S. SYSTEM AND ITS
PROBLEMS. MOST PEOPLE IN TURKEY ARE ORIENTED TOWARD AMERICA
AND WOULD WELCOME COOPERATION WITH U.S. AND INCREASED EXPOSURE TO IT.

6. AMBASSADOR INDICATED AFFIRMATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD MINISTER'S
IDEAS. HOWEVER, HE STRESSED, HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT FUNDS, IF ANY, WOULD

BE AVAILABLE FROM U.S. SIDE. HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO LOOK INTO
POSSIBILITIES SINCE U.S. HAS GREAT STAKE IN INCREASING FOOD
PRODUCTION. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO RESPOND AS SOON AS

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POSSIBLE.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: OZAL IS AN ABLE AND DYNAMIC MINISTER. AGRICULTURE, THE SOURCE OF ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF TOTAL TURKISH EXPORT EARNINGS, REMAINS THE ORIGIN OF ABOUT 22 PERCENT OF TURKISH GNP. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SECTOR TO THE TURKISH ECONOMY AND THE ABILITY OF OZAL, WE WOULD HOPE THAT WASHINGTON WOULD BE ABLE TO CONSIDER INCLUDING AT LEAST SOME OF HIS PROJECTS IN THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING ANY FUNDING THAT CAN BE MANAGED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FOR A TENTATIVE AND GENERALIZED RESPONSE THAT WE MIGHT CONVEY TO OZAL BEFORE USDA TEAM ARRIVES.
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